



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher, the Greater Omaha Safe Streets Task Force (consisting of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Omaha Police Department and the Nebraska State Patrol), in coordination with the Bellevue Police Department, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: On July 6, 2009, Ray S. Thomas was sentenced to a term of 120 months in prison following his conviction for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. The case resulted from a long-term investigation conducted by the Greater Omaha Safe Streets Task Force, led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance and cooperation of several local law enforcement agencies. The investigation resulted in the indictment and arrest of 18 persons.

Name of Defendant: Ray S. Thomas

AKA: "Kali", "Ray Ray"

Age: 31

City of residence: Omaha, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty:

Ct. 1-Conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine; 10 years - Life, \$4,000,000, 5 Yrs supervised release, \$100 SA.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Omaha, NE

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 50 grams or more of crack cocaine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Antwan L. Wright, Leonard C. Jones, Joseph T. Jordan and Frederick R. Croffer

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: March 2008 to December 2008

Federal Arrest Date: 12/18/08

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: 12/15/08

Initial Appearance Date: 12/19/08

Trial and Date(s):

Sentencing Date: 7/6/09

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: FG3

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Release on Bond

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: LSC

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